

Good Citizenship.

"Men do not wish to be saved from their vices, but from the effects of their vices."—Emerson.

Nowhere is the truth of the above more clearly exemplified than in governmental affairs. That there are evils in legislation, corruption in high places, and dishonest men in positions of honor and power, are sad facts that are too well known to every intelligent American citizen. But it is useless to recognize the truth of these facts and the dangers following in their wake. It is not enough to know the seat of the disease and the nature of it, unless the knowledge carries with it the nerve and disposition to administer the remedy or even to apply the knife, if need be.

The growth of "good citizenship" agitation and education is a most encouraging sign. Good government clubs and good citizenship societies are being formed in all population centers, teaching the duties of good citizens and revealing the value to the voter of the boon of the ballot. Christian young peoples' societies have taken up the cry and are doing their part towards rearing up the good citizens of the future. The NORTHERNER is in thorough sympathy with all the movements; they are good as far as they go, but they do not go far enough or deep enough. Mere lessons in patriotism are not in themselves sufficient, as they will receive different interpretations from different individuals, and will not bring the good citizens, necessarily, into active political action.

On the other hand, in the ordinary course of events, it is not enough to direct the force of good citizenship against a specific evil, to organize good citizens for the accomplishment of a single reform. The republic is greater than any "ism;" good government is broader than any single issue.

As we have said, it is not sufficient to point out governmental evils or to demonstrate the truth and prescribe the remedy. It is necessary as well to indicate a disposition to avoid the error and to seek the truth; to abandon the evil and to put the right into practice.

In every community, in every state, in the whole of our nation, there is doubtless enough of right sentiment, enough of good citizens, to correct every evil if the force of their ballots could be properly directed. But good citizens are inactive. They permit the primaries and conventions of all political parties to be dominated by professional politicians and very bad citizens indeed. Many of them stay away from the polls and then, after the ballots are counted, spend a vast amount of time and energy in fruitless "kicking" over the election results, which results were only made possible by the neglect and inaction of good citizens themselves. The bad citizenship of good citizens is to be blamed for most of our governmental abuses and for the presence of incompetency and corruption in high places. Put your finger on official dishonor and disgrace, and you will find a man who would have been defeated, either in the convention or at the polls, had good citizens duly prized the privilege of performing well their part in this government of the people.

THE Detroit Free Press makes sport of the fact that there are "twenty gubernatorial possibilities in the field" in this state—all republicans. No democrat has yet been heard from who is foolhardy enough to desire the democratic nomination.

THAT was a neat little auction the other day, when the Santa Fe system was knocked down for \$60,000,000. Most of us, had we been there, could have afforded to pay no higher price.

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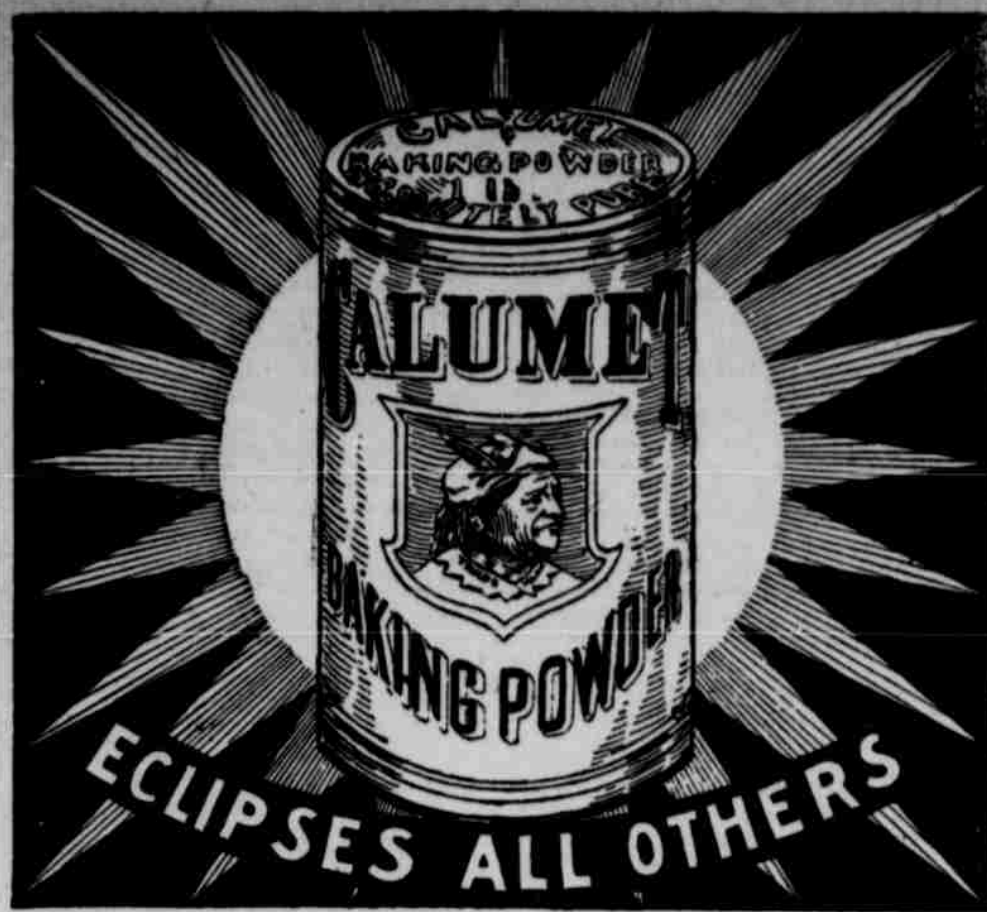
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